

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A bag for carrying items, the bag comprising:
2 a bag body having a top end, a bottom end, a front side and a back side,
3 wherein the bag body further defines a main compartment that extends from the bottom end
4 to the top end, wherein the top end defines an opening that provides access to the main
5 compartment, wherein at least the top end of the bag body is curved so that the main
6 compartment is adapted to hold a curved pillow having a medial region and two extending
7 arms, with the medial region of the pillow conforming closely to the shape of the top end of
8 the bag body; and
9 at least one carrying strap coupled to the bag body for carrying the bag.

1 2. A bag as in claim 1, wherein the bag body further includes a pair of
2 connecting sides that extend between the front side and the back side, wherein the connecting
3 sides are curved and are adapted to conform to the shape of the extending arms of the curved
4 pillow.

1 3. A bag as in claim 2, wherein the carrying strap has a pair of ends and
2 wherein the ends of the straps are coupled to the bag body near where the top side intersects
3 with the connecting sides.

1 4. A bag as in claim 1, further comprising a fastener to close the opening.

1 5. A bag as in claim 1, further comprising at least one handle that is
2 coupled to the bag body.

1 6. A bag as in claim 5, wherein the handle is coupled to the front side and
2 extends above the top end.

1 7. A bag as in claim 1, further comprising a front pocket that is coupled
2 to the front side of the bag body.

1 8. A bag as in claim 7, wherein the front pocket includes a plurality of
2 sub-pockets.

1 9. A bag as in claim 1, further comprising a side pocket that is coupled to
2 one of the connecting sides.

1 10. A bag as in claim 1, further comprising a rear pocket that is coupled to
2 the rear side of the bag body.

1 11. A bag as in claim 1, further comprising at least one peripheral item
2 stored within the bag body, wherein the peripheral item is selected from a group consisting of
3 changing pads, storage devices and toys.

1 12. A bag as in claim 2, wherein the bag body has a height in the range
2 from about 10 inches to about 20 inches and curves downward to the connecting sides that
3 each have a height in the range from about 5 inches to about 11 inches.

1 13. A bag as in claim 1, wherein the curved top end has a radius of
2 curvature in the range from about 7 inches to about 13 inches.

1 14. A bag as in claim 1, wherein the bottom end has a length in the range
2 from about 15 inches to about 25 inches.

1 15. A system for carrying items, the system comprising
2 a bag body having a top end, a bottom end, a front side and a back side,
3 wherein the bag body further defines a main compartment that extends from the bottom end
4 to the top end, wherein the top end defines an opening that provides access to the main
5 compartment, wherein at least the top end of the bag body is curved;
6 at least one carrying strap coupled to the bag body for carrying the bag; and
7 a pillow stored within the main compartment, wherein the pillow comprises a
8 curved pillow body having a medial region and two opposing arms extending from the medial
9 region, and wherein the medial region closely conforms to the shape of the curved top end of
10 the bag body.

1 16. A system as in claim 15, wherein the bag body further includes a pair
2 of connecting sides that extend between the front side and the back side, wherein the
3 connecting sides are curved and are adapted to conform to the shape of the extending arms of
4 the curved pillow.

1 17. A system as in claim 16, wherein the carrying strap has a pair of ends
2 and wherein the ends of the straps are coupled to the bag body near where the top side
3 intersects with the connecting sides.

1 18. A system as in claim 15, further comprising a fastener to close the
2 opening.

1 19. A system as in claim 15, further comprising at least one handle that is
2 coupled to the bag body.

1 20. A system as in claim 19, wherein the handle is coupled to the front side
2 and extends above the top end.

1 21. A system as in claim 15, further comprising a front pocket that is
2 coupled to the front side of the bag body.

1 22. A system as in claim 21, wherein the front pocket includes a plurality
2 of sub-pockets.

1 23. A system as in claim 15, further comprising a side pocket that is
2 coupled to one of the connecting sides.

1 24. A system as in claim 15, further comprising at least one peripheral
2 item stored within the bag body, wherein the peripheral item is selected from a group
3 consisting of changing pads, storage devices and toys.

1 25. A system as in claim 16, wherein the bag body has a height in the
2 range from about 10 inches to about 20 inches and curves downward to the connecting sides
3 that each have a height in the range from about 5 inches to about 11 inches.

1 26. A system as in claim 15, wherein the curved top end has a radius of
2 curvature in the range from about 7 inches to about 13 inches.

1 27. A system as in claim 15, wherein the bottom end has a length in the
2 range from about 15 inches to about 25 inches.

1 28. A system as in claim 15, wherein the medial region has a length in the
2 range from about 12 inches to about 25 inches, and wherein the arms have a length in the
3 range from about 7 inches to about 15 inches.

1 29. A method for carrying a pillow, the method comprising:

2 providing a bag comprising a bag body having a top end, a bottom end, a front
3 side and a back side, wherein the bag body further defines a main compartment that extends
4 from the bottom end to the top end, wherein the top end defines an opening that provides
5 access to the main compartment, wherein at least the top end of the bag body is curved, and at
6 least one carrying strap coupled to the bag body for carrying the bag;

7 providing a pillow comprising a curved pillow body having a medial region
8 and two curved arms extending from the medial region;

9 squeezing the arms toward each other and pushing the pillow into the main
10 compartment; and

11 closing the opening, with the medial region closely conforming to the shape of
12 the top end of the bag body.

1 30. A method as in claim 29, further comprising removing the pillow from
2 the bag and supporting a baby with the pillow.